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SUBJ: PALAU RESOLUTION NO. 74(1)-8

PASS TO DISTAD PALAU. FOR SYLVESTER F. ALONZ. SECRETARY MORTON
AND I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 3 BY WHICH
YOU TRANSMITTED A COPY OF THE FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE
RESOLUTION NO. 74(1)-8.

THE ISSUE OF PROPER APPORTIONMENT OF PALAU REPRESENTATION TO
THE FORTHCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS
INDEED IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, IT IS A POLITICAL MATTER LOCAL
TO MICRONESIA AND SHOULD BE DETERMINED IN MICRONESIA.

IF MEMBERS OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE OR OTHER AGGRIEVED
PERSONS FEEL THAT THEIR RIGHTS, EITHER UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP
AGREEMENT OR THE BILL OF RIGHTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, HAVE
BEEN VIOLATED, THEY HAVE RECOURSE TO THE COURST OF THE
TRUST TERRITORY. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE COURT SYSTEM CAN
MOVE RAPIDLY ON AN ISSUE OF SUCH IMPORT AS APPORTIONMENT WHERE
THE ELECTION IS SO CLOSE AT HAND.

GIVEN THE IMMINENCE OF THE JUNE ELECTION AND THE DIFFICULTIES
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INVOLVED IN GAINING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AT THIS TIME, I

WOULD RECOMMEND THE COURT APPROACH AS BEING THE MOST
EXPEDITIOUS. CARPENTER SENDS. RUSH

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